



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome back to Friday Night Facts ! Our Editor, Rhonda, took vacation for a week so we are a few days late with this issue. We are glad to be back with you and very glad to have our Editor back in the office. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at info@ofbci.in.gov or 317-233-4273.

Seeking Qualified Program Director for Elkhart EnviroCorps

The City of Elkhart, Indiana seeks a qualified individual to serve as Program Director for the Elkhart EnviroCorps program. The position reports to the Executive Director at the Public Works and Utilities Department in the City of Elkhart. Qualified candidates will have knowledge of AmeriCorps. *Experience with the environment and environmental issues are preferred.*

The position is responsible for program development and reporting to local and state officials. Other responsibilities include recruiting members, managing and developing budgets, and personal development of members throughout their term of service. The Elkhart EnviroCorps Program Director will prepare documentation to ensure full compliance with state and national requirements and City of Elkhart guidelines and regulations.

The Program Director will supervise approximately 15 'Corps members and a Program Coordinator, while continuing to develop contacts and strategies for a self-sustaining program. The City of Elkhart has been awarded a grant for the next grant year and offers an excellent salary and benefits package. Send resume and cover letter to: Burne Miller, 1201 S. Nappanee Street, Elkhart IN 46516, or email at burne.miller@coei.org, no later than June 28, 2005.

Seeking Individuals to Serve a One-Year Term as an AmeriCorps Member

AmeriCorps is the national service program that provides thousands individuals of all ages and backgrounds with education awards in exchange for a year or two of community service. AmeriCorps Members help meet communities' critical needs in the areas of public safety, education, homeland security, environment, and other unmet human needs.

There are several programs in Indiana that are enabling AmeriCorps Members to make a difference in communities through tutoring and mentoring students, improving the environment, reducing teen violence, assisting incarcerated youth as they re-enter society, working with the elderly and giving assistance to the homeless.

Full-time positions serve a minimum of 1,700 hours a year. Members receive a living allowance of \$10,600 for 12 months, health insurance, training, and upon successful completion of service an education award of \$4,725. Members may also qualify for childcare assistance, if certain income criteria are met.

Individuals considering an AmeriCorps position must be over the age of 17, a high school graduate or the equivalent (or willing to obtain a GED while serving in AmeriCorps), a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.

To view positions and programs in Indiana, please visit <https://recruit.cns.gov/>.

The **Office of Victims of Crime (OVC)**, within the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, is committed to enhancing the Nation's capacity to assist crime victims and to provide leadership in changing attitudes, policies, and practices to promote justice for all victims of crime. The victims of Crime Act (VOCA) of 1984, as amended, authorizes OVC to use discretionary funds to improve and enhance the skills, knowledge and abilities of victim service providers and allied professionals who work with crime victims.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 OVC is soliciting concept papers from the field that offer innovative and replicable initiatives. This document establishes the requirements and structure for submitting a concept paper for consideration under OVC's National Scope Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration authority. National scope training and technical assistance includes the following activities: (1) performing program evaluations; (2) funding and evaluating demonstration programs; (3) supporting victims' right compliance efforts; (4) developing training curricula; (5) identifying and disseminating promising practices in victim services; (6) supporting efforts to raise national awareness of victims' rights and needs; (7) developing materials that inform federal crime victims of their rights and the services available to them; (8) supporting programs that establish new and expand existing services for federal crime victims, including programs that address the needs of crime victims in Indian Country; and (9) training for federal, criminal, and tribal justice system personnel on victims' issues. OVC generally funds training and technical assistance and other products that can be transmitted to its Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) or its Resource Center (OVCRC) for further dissemination.

OVC is seeking proposals for innovative activities that support the following: (1) the enforcement of rights for crime victims; (2) the expansion of victim service networks; (3) public education and awareness activities; (4) the integration of crime victim issues in adolescent and adult education systems; (5) demonstration projects that improve access to services and justice for unserved and underserved victim populations, such as efforts that address the needs of crime victims, service providers and advocates, and allied professionals working in Indian Country, the inner city, and high-crime areas and with people with disabilities; and (6) the delivery of services and access to the justice system for victims of federal crimes. Proposed initiatives must have national applicability in scope and be replicable in other jurisdictions or settings.

For examples of national scope initiatives previously supported by OVC, visit the OVC Website at www.ovc.gov.

Concept Paper Requirements. Concept papers should be no more than 10 pages in length, double spaced, with 12-point font. Please do not forward appendices or other attachments to the submission. The concept paper should be structured as follows:

- Part A- Submit an abstract of no more than 300 words.
- Part B- Define the Problem.
- Part C- Describe the Solution
- Part D- Capability and Cost

Deadline and Submission of Concept Paper. Concept papers are due to OVC by July 1, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Please fax or e-mail the concept paper to:

Office for Victims of Crime
U.S. Department of Justice
810 Seventh Street NW., Eighth Floor
Washington, D.C. 20531
Fax: 202-514-6383
Fax: 202-305-2440
E-mail: Kisha.W.Green@usdoj.gov



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